

Mancetter Hartshill sherds analysed by David Williams

The archive includes a small box of fabric type sherds labelled as Mancetter-Hartshill (etc) sherds analysed by David Williams, the Ceramic Petrology Unit, Department of Archaeology, University of Southampton. The box contains 44 sherds, tabulated below. Of these 35 were from Kay Hartley's excavations at Mancetter Broadclose (27 sherds from W64, 69, 70, 71, 77) and Hartshill (eight sherds from H60, 61, 63). The remaining sherds comprised: three sherds from the military site at Mancetter (M77, 80M); a mortarium stamped *Coertutinus*, a known Mancetter-Hartshill potter, found in Leicester; a sherd of Derbyshire ware from Coleshill; and sherds from kiln sites excavated at Tiddington, Lapworth and Wappenbury.

A grant from the Study Group for Roman Pottery enabled high resolution photographs to be taken of a sample of these sherds. [HE7725_pot_photo_MH_fabric_F13_sherd_to_fabric_W32_section](#). The sherds were mainly in regionally significant fine and coarse ware fabrics, rather than the more widely distributed mortaria. The aim of photographing the fabrics was therefore to facilitate regional Roman pottery studies, with a focus on Warwickshire and Leicestershire in particular. Priority was given to photographing Mancetter-Hartshill products and samples from the other three known kiln sites. The sherds selected are highlighted in the table below. Photographs were taken of 25 sherds, one showing a clean break and one showing the surface of the sherd.

A printout of the undated petrological report by David Williams has been digitised ([HE7725_pot_report_MH_petrology](#)) and is cross-referenced in the 'comments' column below.

fabric class	sherd count	Photos	file name	fabric code	site code	area/context	number	description	comments
fineware	1	1 section 1 surface	F13_sherd, F13_section	F13	H61	14 (4)	1461	lead glazed ware	Petrological report Fabric 8. Not on HER fab list, the only sherd in this fabric.
	1	1 section 1 surface	F25_sherd, F25_section	F25	W70	23 (26)	1542	mica dusted	Petrological report Fabric 4. Not on HER fab list
	1			F34	W64	1(20)	1226		Petrological report Fabric 4. HER list has M-H fabric
	1	1 section 1 surface	F34_01_sherd, F3402_section	F34	W71	18 (21)	1114		Petrological report Fabric 4. HER list has M-H fabric

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	1	1 section 1 surface	F61_01_sherd, F61_02_section	F61	W64	1 (10)	2216		Petrological report Fabric 4. HER list has M-H fabric
	1	1 section 1 surface	F62_01_sherd, F62_02_section	F62	H	u/s		pseudo Oxfordshire cc ware	Petrological report Fabric 3. Not on HER fab list.
	1	1 section 1 surface	F63_01_sherd, F63_02_section	F63	W70	16 (21)	none	Buff colour coat/roughcast	Petrological report Fabric 7. HER list has M-H fabric
	1	1 section 1 surface	F64_01_sherd, F64_02_section	F64	H61	6 (6)	2285	pseudo Oxfordshire ware	Petrological report Fabric 7. Not on HER fab list
oxidised	1			O11	W71	8 (27)-	7		Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list has M-H fabric, fabric O34 tippexed out
	1	1 section 1 surface	O11_01_sherd, O11_02_section	O11	H60	kiln 22	1265		Petrological report Fabric 3. HER list has M-H fabric, fabric O34 tippexed out
	1			O11?	80M	F2/7	none		cf Petrological report Fabrics 1 and 4 but slightly coarser. HER list has M-H fabric, from military site excavated 1980, 80M F2/7, A4445
	1			O11?	M77	P/3C	none		cf Petrological report Fabrics 1 and 4 but slightly coarser. From military site excavated 1977, P/3C
	1	1 section 1 surface	O12_01_sherd, O12_02_section	O12	W69	7 (7)	2673		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list has M-H fabric?
				O13	No sample in box, a possible M-H fabric				
	1	1 section 1 surface	O14_01_sherd, O14_02_section	O14	W70	7A (48)	1965		Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list has M-H fabric?
	1	1 section 1 surface	O15_01_sherd, O15_02_section	O15	W70	23 (30)	1572		Petrological report Fabric 5. HER list unknown source
	1	1 section 1 surface	O16_01_sherd, O16_02_section	O16	W77	7/20 (4)			Petrological report Fabric 8. HER list has M-H fabric?
				O17	No sample in box, a possible M-H fabric				
				O18	No sample in box, a possible M-H fabric				
	1	1 section	O19_01_sherd,	O19	W77	7/20 (63)			Petrological report Fabric 12. Not on HER fab list

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		1 surface	O19_02_section						
	1			O33	H63	34 (1)			Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list unknown source.
	1			O56	W77	7/20 (63)			Petrological report Fabric 13. Not on HER fab list
	1			O74	W77	7/20 (63)	2559		Petrological report Fabric 2. Not on HER fab list, from two handled flagon
reduced	1			R11	W71	8 (27)	1156		Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list has M-H fabric?
	1	1 section 1 surface	R11_01_sherd, R11_02_section	R11	W71	22 (112)	1766		Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list has M-H fabric?
	1			R11	80M	F2/7			cf Petrological report Fabrics 1 and 4 but slightly coarser. HER list has M-H fabric, from military site excavated 1980, 80M F2/7, A4445
	1	1 section 1 surface	R12_01_sherd, R12_02_section	R12	W71	8 (27)	1171		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list BUBB GLEBE FM?
	1	1 section 1 surface	R13_01_sherd, R13_02_section	R13	H60	5 (2)	20		Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list BUBB GLEBE FM?
	1	1 section 1 surface	R14_01_sherd, R14_02_section	R14	H60	5A (1)	1411		Petrological report Fabric 1. HER list probably local.
	1	1 section 1 surface	R15_01_sherd, R15_02_section	R15	W70	23 (27)	1550		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list probably local
	1			R16?	W71	8 (27)	1185		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list probably local
	1			R17	W70	8 (3)	2103		Petrological report Fabric 11. not on HER list
	1			R18	W70	8 (6)	2131		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list has M-H? fabric
	1	1 section 1 surface	R18_01_sherd, R18_02_section	R18	W71	8 (27)	1169		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list probably local
	1	1 section 1 surface	R19_01_sherd, R19_02_section	R19	W71	8 (27)	1180		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list BUBB GLEBE FM?
	1			R19	W77	34 (21)	2327		Petrological report Fabric 6. HER list BUBB GLEBE FM?
	1			R21	Tiddington	TR82 561/1	361	Tiddington kiln fabric	Petrological report Fabric ? Reduced jar from kiln. Not on HER list
	1	1 section	R21_01_sherd,	R21	Tiddington	TR82 217	151	Tiddington kiln	Petrological report Fabric ? Reduced bowl from kiln.

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		1 surface	R21_02_section					fabric	Not on HER list
	1	1 section 1 surface	R22_01_sherd, R22_02_section	R22?	Wappenbury	13/1949 A1925			Petrological report Fabric ? Reduced jar from kiln. HER list BUBB GLEBE FM?
	1			R23	W71	22 (103)	1899	pseudo Derbyshire ware	Petrological report Fabric 9. HER Derbyshire ware, sherd oxidised with reduced core
	1			R23	Coleshill		599	Derbyshire ware	HER Derbyshire ware
	1			R23	W71	22 (87)	1897	pseudo Derbyshire ware	Petrological report Fabric 9. HER Derbyshire ware, sherd largely oxidised with reduced core
	1	1 section 1 surface	Rx(Lapworth)_sherd, Rx(Lapworth)_section	R?	Lapworth	LAP88A	4/2 E	Lapworth kiln fabric	Petrological report Fabric ?, reduced ware from Lapworth kiln
white slipped	1			Q11	W70	23 (30)	1561	white slipped	Petrological report Fabric 1. White slipped ware. HER unknown source poss S-W England
	1			Q11	Leicester	A138.196 8 I(32)		M-H mortarium of Coertutinous, cf fabric Q11	cf Petrological report Fabric 1 but slightly coarser.
white ware	1	1 section 1 surface	W12_01_sherd, W12_02_section	W12	W71	18/8 (4)	1292		Petrological report Fabric 7. HER list has M-H fabric
	1	1 section 1 surface	W32_01_sherd, W32_02_section	W32	H61	14A (5)	1463		Petrological report Fabric 10. Not on HER list